



President's Message

The Friends of the Library had our biennial Executive Board member election on Oct 18th. These are two-year terms.

Officers are:

Paul Geier President

Marlyn Huff Vice President

Sue Geier Treasurer

Barbara Catt Secretary

Board of Directors Members:

Melanie Dennis Gina Keller

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Leon Getz

We also participated in the 2d Annual City of La Habra Community Open House along with library staff. We gave out free children's books along with a handout that included a bookmark, membership form and a letter about our non-profit. We had a great response from the community! Thanks to Karen Beale and Barbara Catt for working along with me.

I want to thank all the volunteers for the hard work that you have contributed to our cause. I will try my best to help us grow and continue to support our local public library.

Paul Geier



Help us grow. Pass this Bookmark along to a friend.



From the Branch Manager



“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is time for home.”

- Edith Sitwell

Thank you to the Friends of the La Habra Library for all of your support in 2023. The library was able to host many successful programs throughout the year thanks to your generosity and constant support for the programs we provide to our patrons. Please be on the lookout for new programs in the new year. We have some special events planned for January and February for all ages that you will not want to miss.

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Please be sure to join us on Tuesday, December 12th from 5pm-7pm for the Winter Reading Challenge Kick-Off Event hosted by the La Habra Library! It was a special surprise to be chosen as the host library this year. During the event, enjoy a mariachi performance in the main library, an author talk by award winning author and illustrator Mirelle Ortega, a book giveaway (while supplies last), crafts and refreshments. This will be a fun event for patrons of all ages!

The OCPL Winter Reading Challenge will run from December 11th through January 27th. Read books and complete challenges to earn badges online. You can pre-register at ocpl.beanstack.org. To find out more information please visit: <https://ocpl.org/winter-reading-challenge-2023>. Be sure to sign up today and join in on the fun!

Finally, I wish you all a healthy and happy holiday season and a happy new year as we enter into 2024 in a few short weeks. Please be on the lookout for our fun new programs for all ages. Thanks to your support and generosity we are able to offer all of these programs at no cost to our patrons. Happy reading this winter and thank you again for your constant support.



Erik Oviedo

Adult Services

Below are some new and old favorite programs for our patrons:

Adult Activity Hour

Beginning January 8, 2024, this program will be held every Monday from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. Activities include but are not limited to board games, card games, coloring pages, and building Legos. This program was created to with the local Special Needs groups in mind, but it is open to all Adults over 18 years of age.

Registrar of Voters Presentation

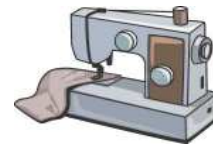
On February 5, from 10:00am to 1:00pm, representatives from the Orange County Registrar of Voters will provide valuable information on the voting process, assist in registering to vote, as well as provide information on the services offered for the upcoming March 5 Primary Election.

Adult Chess Club

We are continuing the Adult Chess Club, a casual play, non-tournament program for adults and high school students. This program will be held every fourth Thursday of the month from 4pm to 5pm.

Sewing 101

We will be making a Grocery Bag Storage Sack on January 4. This program is the first Thursday of the month from 4pm to 5:30pm.



Adult Craft

Patrons will be making their own no-sew fleece scarf. This program is the second Thursday of the month at 4pm to 5pm.

Book Group

The Book selections for Winter will be *Followers* by Megan Angelo on January 25, and *Lady Clementine* by Marie Benedict on February 22.

The Book Group meets every fourth(ish) Thursday of the month from 1pm to 2pm.



Ben Albetin
Adult Services



Teen Scene

Season's Greetings!

I'd like to thank the Friends of the Library and all our teen volunteers who have helped us throughout the year with program assistance, shelving, and prepping materials for the library. Your work is greatly appreciated and helps us make programs possible. We have lots of exciting programs coming up this winter for children's and teens, and they're all free!



Winter Reading Program: December 11- January 27

All ages are welcome to participate in our reading program! Earn as many digital badges as you can. Sign up by visiting ocpl.beanstack.org or by scanning the QR code. Visit the library to participate in the weekly scavenger hunts for kids and engagement questions for teens and adults. We'll also have weekly incentives!



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o TAB (Teen Advisory Board) – Last Thursday of the Month at 4pm

*No TAB in December

o **Join TAB!** A group of teens gathering to discuss ways to enhance library services and plan events and activities in the library!

Enjoy some snacks as we start off with a game and brainstorm together, and the best part, you earn community service hours!

o Pokéball Terrariums – Wednesday, January 10th at 4pm

Choose your own Pokémon and make your own pokéball terrarium. All supplies will be provided while supplies last. Ages 13-18 only.



o DIY Fleece Scarf – Thursday, January 11th at 4pm

Open to older teens, come make your own no-sew scarf! Ages 16+



Jeanette Espinoza
Teen/Children's Librarian

Children's Corner

Children and Family Events

o **Book Buddies** – Saturdays 10am-12pm *Updated hours

o **Homework Help** – Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4-5pm

Kids in grades K-6 can get assistance with their homework from a teen volunteer
No homework help 12/19/2023 - 1/3/2024

o **PBS Family Math Workshop** – Wednesday, January 24th at 11am

o **Join OC Read's Families for Literacy and PBS SoCal** for fun hands-on activities to explore math at home. For caregivers and children ages 2-6.

o **Lunar New Year Celebration** – Saturday, January 27th at 2pm

Enjoy a themed craft along with a performance by the Southern California Youth Dragon and Lion Dance Team!

o **Foodie Families** – Thursday, February 15th and Thursday, March 21st at 4pm

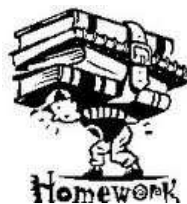
Come learn how to make simple easy snacks for the family!

o **Love in the Air Storytime** – Wednesday, February 14 at 11am

Join us for a special preschool storytime celebrating love and kindness themed stories along with an activity and snack.

o **Christopher T. Valentine's Day Magic Show** – Wednesday, February 14 at 5pm

Come enjoy a valentine's themed magic show!



Jeanette Espinoza
Children's/Teen Librarian





Operation Santa Claus and Senior Santa and Friends



Operation Santa Claus (OSC) and Senior Santa and Friends (SSF) annual gift drive begins November 13 and ends December 29. OSC provides gifts and toys to children who are in foster care as well as to children of families who are receiving services from the County of Orange. SSF is a similar program for low income seniors and disabled adults.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

DONATE

Please visit ssa.ocgov.com/operationsantaclaus/help for more on how to donate new, unwrapped gifts.



Operation Santa Claus



Senior Santa and Friends

Checks or gift cards can be mailed to:

Operation Santa Claus
Social Services Agency
PO Box 1077
Santa Ana, CA 92702-1077

Please make checks payable to either Operation Santa Claus or Senior Santa and Friends.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed in November and December to assist shoppers and sort and restock gifts.

Sign up online at: signupgenius.com/findasignup. Enter operationsantaclaus@ssa.ocgov.com in the "Search for a Sign Up" field, then click on the Operation Santa Claus link.

COORDINATE

Give back by coordinating an Angel Tag toy/gift donation drive for a child or senior in need of a holiday present.

For more information, call either
Operation Santa Claus 714-679-2438
Senior Santa and Friends 714-825-3111



Questions? Contact OperationSantaClaus@ssa.ocgov.com OR Senior.Santa@ssa.ocgov.com

Operation Santa Claus is a collaborative effort between the County of Orange Social Services Agency, OC Health Care Agency, OC Probation, Orange County Child Support Services and OC Community Resources.

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Reading Recommendations

Dolores Greenberg

I Swear
Shortest Way Home
The Twist of a Knife
The Bone Hacker
Agatha Christie
The Forgotten
The Enemy
Unnatural History

Katie Porter
Pete Buttigieg
Anthony Horowitz
Kathy Reichs
Lucy Worsley
David Baldacci
Lee Child
Jonathan Kellerman



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<p>Thank you!</p>  <p>La Habra Host Lions Club for becoming a member of the Friends.</p>	
<p>La Habra Woman's Club Serving our community since 1898</p> <p>PO Box 222 La Habra, CA 90631</p> <p>Email: lhwcserver@gmail.com Like us on Facebook</p> <p>Meeting 2nd Tuesday monthly, 6:30pm La Habra Community Center</p> 	<p>Space Donated by Kent & Dorothy Roberts</p>

**Friends of the La Habra Library
YTD Income and Expenditures thru September 2023**

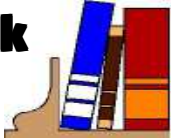
	FY 2023	FY 2022
Income		
Bookstore Sales	\$3,568.00	\$3,825.00
Recycle	\$95.00	\$310.00
Membership Dues	\$1,350.00	\$1,495.00
Donations	\$581.00	\$645.00
Program Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00
E-Bay Sales	\$414.00	\$547.00
Interest on CD Accounts	\$104.00	\$12.00
Total Income YTD	\$6,112.00	\$6,834.00
Expenditures		
Programs	\$4,905.00	\$3,447.00
Memberships	\$155.00	\$150.00
Supplies/Printing/Postage	\$1,067.00	\$754.00
Insurance	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total Expenditures	\$6,717.00	\$4,851.00
Account Balances		
Checking 6884501	\$55,725.00	\$56,956.00
CD 6960401	\$23,766.00	\$23,707.00
CD 6082800	\$24,783.00	\$24,587.00
Totals	\$104,274.00	\$105,250.00

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Sue Geier, Treasurer



Book



Bookstore News



A very big Thank You to Rose Espinoza for the very informative talk she gave at our General Meeting.

The bookstore has been getting some 2023 hardcover published books that sell very well for \$5.00 each.

We created a small space for donated Christmas items. They have been selling very fast!

Thank You to all our bookstore volunteers, many of whom work more than one shift. We need volunteers. Spread the word.

We had a great year with many \$100.00 sale days.

Happy Holidays to all

Visit the Bookstore Website at: <http://lh-library-bookstore.weebly.com/>



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